

Montana State Legislature

2013 Session

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BUSINESS REPORT

**MONTANA SENATE
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SENATE EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Date: Wednesday, March 20, 2013
Place: Capitol

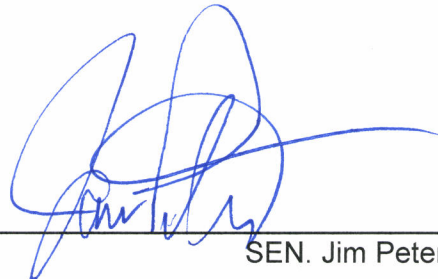
Time: 3:00 PM
Room: 303

BILLS and RESOLUTIONS HEARD:

SR 33 - Confirmation of appointees to the Board of Regents - Sen. Jim Peterson

EXECUTIVE ACTION TAKEN:

Comments:



SEN. Jim Peterson, Chair

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Sponsor: Sen. Jim Peterson

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Name	Representing	Support	Oppose	Info
John Identritz	Myself & My wife	✓		
BRIAN KAHN	self	✓		
Helen Christensen	Self + former Williams Staff	✓		
Marion Ben	Self	✓		
Dennis Veleber	Self	✓		
Debbie Rhodes	Self	✓		
Tom Matthews	Self		✓	
Frank Allen	self	✓		
Maggie Allen	self	✓		
JOSEPH H. SPIERCK	Self		✓	
Kian Abbey	Montana Associated Students	X		
ED JASMIN	SELF	X		
Dani Clark	ASMSU	X		
Ruth Gupta	Self	X		
Sandy Oitzinger	Self	✓		
John Oitzinger	Self	✓		
Sedney Langston	Self	✓		
Alan Nicholson	Self	✓		
PAT SHEA	Self	✓		
Janie Balino	Self	✓		
Carolyn Quinn	Self	✓		
Patricia	Self	✓		

Please leave prepared testimony with Secretary. Witness Statement forms are available if you care to submit written testimony.

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Name	Representing	Support	Oppose	Info
Charlie Brown msla	Self	✓		
Marilyn Ross	Self	✓		
SAM THOMPSON	SELF	✓		
SEAN MCGUILLAN	SELF	✓		
Sarah Sather	Assem President & VP University of MT student leadership	✓		
Hannah Reagan	Dylin Inman	✓		
Julie Petermann	SELF	✓		
EVAN BARRETT	SELF	✓		
Erik Burke	MEA + MFT	✓		
Gabriel Furshong	Self	✓		
Alan FRLoad	AFL-CIO	✓		
Patrick Duffly			?	
JACK WALSH	SELF	✓		
Madalyn Zunilan	Supt Juneau	✓		
Shirley Budd	Self	✓		
Mark Angenes	Self	✓		
TIM FETHERSTON	Self			
Brint Wahlberg	Self + Petition in opposition of Pet Williams	✓	✓	
Joan Taylor	self			
Nick Geroch	self	✓		
DIANE SANDS	mt AAUW	✓		

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ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS

Mr. Chair and Members of the Committee,

As the president and vice president of the Associated Students of the University of Montana, we are proud to write this testimony in support of Pat Williams' confirmation to the Montana Board of Regents.

There has been a lot of talk recently about Regent Williams, and in particular, his comments in national news regarding University of Montana student-athletes. To be clear, we do not condone or necessarily agree with these comments. In fact, the two of us wrote a guest opinion published in both our school newspaper and the Missoulian in support of student-athletes on our campus in part as a response to these comments. However, we do believe that what was quoted of Regent Williams was taken out of context, was not intended to be malicious, and was not in line with the perspective that Regent Williams brings to the board.

as Regent
represented
in the
NYT.

Though we may not agree with these comments, and though we may not always agree with his stances on particular issues, we do strongly believe that Regent Williams is one of the most sincere and consistent advocates for students that we have encountered.

Over the past two years, Regent Williams has interacted frequently and positively with both of us on everything from discussing ideas to make higher education more affordable to helping recent college graduates connect with career opportunities. Just this year, he has been one of our strongest advocates on an initiative we have taken to promote energy efficiency efforts across the university system.

Regent Williams has a strong track record in both Congress and the Board of Regents of supporting students and promoting higher education, and from our perspective, we would be remised as a state not to allow him to stay in a position to continue this advocacy.

We consider ourselves fortunate to have had the opportunity as student leaders to interact with Regent Williams, and we are proud to call him a mentor and friend. As students lucky enough to have had him serving as our regent, we urge that this committee do pass Pat Williams' confirmation as a Regent.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Zach Brown and Bryn Hagfors, ASUM President and Vice President

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Personal:

Jeff and Peggy Krauss have been married for 26 years. They have raised two sons who both attend Montana State University. Peggy works in the MSU Bookstore. Jeff was born in Kentucky and came to Montana in 1975.

Work and Education:

- Jeff started working in Montana for the Burlington Northern in the 1970s as a car inspector, working in Livingston, Missoula, Butte and Laurel before being laid off permanently in the mid 1980s.
- Jeff attended Montana State University, graduating cum laude in 1988 and receiving the A.L. Strand Award, *"To the non-traditional student showing concern for people through campus or community service and exemplifying leadership and scholastic achievement."* Jeff was an ASMSU senator and business manager in student government and was part of the team that argued successfully in front of the Board of Regents to preserve MSU's School of Architecture. During his tenure, ASMSU started and funded what has become Bozeman's bus system.
- Jeff was hired by Deloitte, Haskins and Sells in Reno, Nevada and his "Big-Eight" accounting experience there helped him become a Certified Public Accountant. Jeff and Peggy returned to Bozeman and he worked for King Tool and then as an accountant in the Gallatin County Treasurer's office. In 1997 he was appointed to fill out the vacant term of Treasurer and was elected Gallatin County Treasurer in 1998. He was President of the Montana County Treasurer's Association, and was the first Montana county treasurer to take a tax payment over the internet. Jeff hired and trained two employees who succeeded him as the next two Gallatin County Treasurers.
- Jeff went to work for the Museum of the Rockies at MSU, in 2001, where he is currently employed as Director of Finance and Administration. Jeff supervises Museum Security, Visitor Services, the Museum Store, Personnel and Payroll, Custodial, IT, and Finance/accounting.
- Jeff was elected to the Bozeman City Commission in 2003, in 2007, and in 2011. He has served as Mayor the final two years of each term and will be Mayor again starting January, 2014. Jeff has pushed for two-year college programs in the Gallatin valley, convincing the Bozeman city commission to contribute \$130,000 a year to Gallatin College at Montana State University, and serving on the College of Technology and Gallatin College Programs advisory boards. Under Jeff's leadership and innovation, the city was the first in Montana to offer discounts to low income homeowners for utility rates, the first to establish a municipal curbside recycling program, and became the only Montana city to levy to support workforce housing. Jeff emphasizes the need for economic development and a business friendly city, with streamlined planning review processes and economic development partnerships.
- Jeff was appointed to the Board of Regents in February, 2012 by then Governor Brian Schweitzer. Since joining the Board, he has pushed for better Veterans services and opportunities, and two task forces have been formed to look at college credit for veterans experience and training, and for better veterans services. He helped influence Montana State to seek "veteran friendly" status. He has also pushed for performance outcomes and substantially increased support for two year opportunities. Jeff emphasizes the Board's responsibility to students, the taxpayers and the future.

Jeff is truly a product of Montana's higher education system. He is known politically as an innovative, independent thinker who challenges people to set aside ideological differences and get the job done.

Whiting, Elizabeth

From: Jim Robbins <jimrobbins@mt.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2013 2:03 PM
To: Jimpetersonranch@gmail.com; ljones@mtbus.net
Cc: Whiting, Elizabeth
Subject: Williams Conformation Hearing/New York Times Journalist

Dear Chairman Peterson and Vice Chair Llew Jones,

I had hoped to make myself available for questions during Pat Williams' confirmation for the Montana Board of Regents hearing this Wednesday, but cannot attend.

While I neither support nor oppose Mr. Williams confirmation, I do want to clarify Mr. Williams' statement to me, in which he referred to some players at the University of Montana as "thugs." Sometimes news articles can be ambiguous, and that is apparently the case here.

Here's his statement from the *New York Times* article, date Feb. 6, 2013:

"We've had sex assaults, vandalism, beatings by football players," said Pat Williams, a former congressman and a member of the Montana Board of Regents. "The university has recruited thugs for its football team, and this thuggery has got to stop."

-- First, I called Mr. Williams in January to interview him about the broad range of crimes committed by some football players and the ongoing federal investigation by the Department of Justice, Department of Education and NCAA. When we talked, a football player had just been sentenced to 30 years in prison for rape, while numerous other players over the years had been convicted of serious crimes. I asked him why so many crimes had been committed by football players and former players. His comment, about thugs and thuggery, was a direct answer to that broad question. I think that's clear from the first part of his statement.

Furthermore:

-- His comments were not about Jordan Johnson or Mr. Johnson's trial.

-- He was not referring to all student athletes, or all football players, as thugs. He was referring to the minority of players convicted of crimes.

-- His comments did not refer in any way to the race of the players involved.

Thanks you for allowing me to clarify the circumstances around this matter.

Sincerely,

Jim Robbins

The New York Times